



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

(Winslow Twp, Camden County, NJ) A team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) will arrive on Monday, February 24, 2025, and will examine all aspects of the Winslow Township Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Donald Lemons announced today.

"The team's verification that the Winslow Township Police Department complies with the Commission's "best practice" standards is a key step in a voluntary process aimed at earning accreditation, a prestigious acknowledgment of law enforcement professionalism and excellence", Chief Lemons said.

As part of this final on-site assessment, employees and members of the general public are invited to provide comments to the assessment team. They may do so by telephone or email. The public may call 609-667-3116 on Monday, February 24, 2025, between the hours of 10:00am – 11:00am. Email comments can be sent to RCogan@Winslowpd.com

Telephone comments are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with the NJSACOP standards. Please contact Captain Ray Cogan at 609-567-0700. X1138 for information about the standards.

Anyone wishing to offer written comments about the Winslow Township Police Department ability to comply with the standards for accreditation is requested to email the Accreditation Program Director at hdelgado@njsacop.org or write the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053.

The Winslow Township Police Department must comply with NJSACOP LEAP standards in order to achieve accredited status. Chief Lemons indicated, "Accreditation leads to enhanced accountability within the agency, lowered risk and liability, better protection against civil lawsuits, stronger community support, and greater trust in the agency's ability to operate effectively and meet community needs."

The Accreditation Program Director for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police is Mr. Harry J Delgado, Ed.S. "The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar New Jersey law enforcement agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview agency members, and visit offices and other places where compliance with the standards can be observed. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they will report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status", Harry J Delgado stated.

Accreditation is valid for a three-year period during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting to their continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police through its New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission is the legitimate authority and accreditation agency in the state of New Jersey. For more information regarding the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission please write the Commission at New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission at 751 Route 73 North, Suite 12 Marlton, N.J. 08053 or email hdelgado@njsacop.org.

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